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SUBJ: ALBERT/RHODES VISIT TO THE PRC

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1. CONGRESSMEN ALBERT AND RHODES LEFT HONG KONG ON SCHEDULE APRIL 7 FOR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLYESTEEN HAS MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA ABOARD AIRCRAFT AND PLANS TO MAKE DISTRIBUTION IN WASHINGTON. CONGRESSMEN'S CONVERSATION WITH CHIAO COVERED MAJOR POINTS RAISED DURING THE VISIT. A MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION OF CODEL MEETING WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING WILL BE SENT BY TELEGRAM WHEN USLO ESCORT OFFICER RETURNS TO PEKING.

2. AFTER LEAVING PEKING, CONGRESSMEN HAD SUCCESSFUL BUT GENERALLY NON-SUBSTANTIVE VISITS TO SHANGHAI AND CANTON. IN SHANGHAI THE DELEGATION TOOK A BOAT RIDE, ON THE HUANG P'O RIVER, VISITED A STREET COMMITTEE, COMMUNE, MACHINERY FACTORY, INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, ART MUSEUM, AND WERE GUESTS AT A BANQUET HOSTED BY SHANGHAI REVOLUTION COMMITTEE VI D CHAIRMAN FENG KUO-CHU. THEIR CANTON VISIT INCLUDED A CITY TOUR, VISITS TO A HOSPITAL AND RESERVOIR IRRIGATION PROJECT, AND DINNER, WITH

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PERSON KU CHIH-TU. DUE TO BAD WEATHER, THE KWEILIN STOP-OVER WAS CANCELLED, THE DELEGATION FLEW DIRECTLY FROM SHANGHAI TO CANTON.

3. THE TONE OF THE CONGRESSMEN'S CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS WAS CORDIAL, AND BOTH MEN GENERALLY STAYED WITHIN AGREED GUIDELINES ON THE FEW SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WHICH WERE DISCUSSED. CONGRESSMEN, ALBERT, HOWEVER, MADE SEVERAL ANTI-GRC REMARKS DURING DINNERS AND SIGHTSEEING TOURS IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO PLEASE HIS HOSTS. BOTH CONGRESSMEN SEEMED GENUINELY IMPRESSED BY THE SPIRIT OF CHINESE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND BY THE WARM RECEPTIONS THEY RECEIVED FROM COMMUNE AND STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS. ON LEAVING CHINA, THE CONGRESSMEN APPEARED WELL SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMED TO HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON THEIR PRIOR VIEWS ON MOST ISSUES.
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